

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III, Chairman;  
Nora Mead Brownell, Joseph T. Kelliher,  
and Suedeen G. Kelly.

City of Corona, California

Docket No. EL02-126-000

v.

Southern California Edison Company

ORDER ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(Issued January 28, 2004)

1. This order directs the Commission's Staff to convene a technical conference to discuss technical information needed for the Commission to establish the terms and conditions under which Southern California Edison Company's (SoCal Edison's) system will be physically interconnected with the City of Corona, California (Corona). This interconnection will benefit customers because it will allow increased competition.

**I. Background**

2. The background of this proceeding is discussed at length in the Proposed Order issued in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> In brief, Corona sought to interconnect Corona's distribution substation (Substation), located at the Golden Cheese Company of California (Golden Cheese), to SoCal Edison's transmission lines. On September 11, 2002, Corona requested an order directing the physical interconnection of the Substation under Sections 210<sup>2</sup> and 212<sup>3</sup> of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

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<sup>1</sup> City of Corona California v. Southern California Edison Company, 101 FERC &61,240 (2002) (Proposed Order).

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824i (2000).

3. On November 25, 2002, the Commission issued the Proposed Order, directing SoCal Edison to interconnect with Corona under Section 210 of the FPA.<sup>4</sup> The Commission also made preliminary findings that the relevant statutory standards of Sections 210 and 212 of the FPA were met and, pursuant to Section 212(c)(1) of the FPA, directed SoCal Edison and Corona to negotiate appropriate rates, terms and conditions of interconnection. SoCal Edison and Corona were unable to agree on rates, terms and conditions and filed with the Commission briefs and responses to those briefs, explaining their positions.

4. On April 1, 2003, the Commission set for settlement judge procedures the terms and conditions under which SoCal Edison's system would be physically interconnected with Corona, noting that the parties "have not provided sufficient detail of the existing layout of the facilities and proposed structure of the interconnection for the Commission to approve the interconnection."<sup>5</sup>

5. On April 30, 2003, the designated settlement judge recommended terminating the settlement judge procedures due to the low probability of settlement. The settlement judge stated that "[t]he low probability of settlement in this case is due, in large part, to the Commission's determination in Paragraph 13 of its [April 1 Order] that 'the issue of Corona's eligibility for transmission service is not properly before us.' As [Corona] does not believe interconnection alone to be beneficial, it does not wish to pursue settlement further." On that same date, the Chief Judge terminated the settlement judge procedures and returned the case to the Commission for appropriate action.

6. On July 16, 2003, the Commission directed the parties to submit additional information so that the Commission could establish the terms and conditions under which SoCal Edison would be physically interconnected with Corona.<sup>6</sup> On August 14, 2003, SoCal Edison and Corona made submissions in response to that order. On September 15, 2003, Corona protested SoCal Edison's compliance filing.

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<sup>3</sup> 16 U.S.C. § 824k (2000).

<sup>4</sup> Proposed Order, 101 FERC at P 34.

<sup>5</sup> City of Corona, California v. Southern California Edison Company, 103 FERC ¶61,003 at P 19 (2003) (April 1 Order).

<sup>6</sup> City of Corona, California v. Southern California Edison Company, 104 FERC ¶ 61,085. The Commission also provided guidance regarding Corona's eligibility for transmission service. *Id.* at P 7-10.

## **II. Discussion**

7. We are unable to issue a Final Order at this time. The parties still have not reached agreement on the rates, terms and conditions of the interconnection and still have not provided sufficient detail of the existing layout of the facilities and proposed structure of the interconnection for the Commission to direct the interconnection. Therefore, we direct the Commission's Staff to convene a technical conference, within 45 days of the date of this order, to obtain technical information needed to establish the terms and conditions under which SoCal Edison's system will be physically interconnected with Corona, including (1) a better description of the existing system and larger and more legible diagrams of the existing system than previously submitted showing the manner in which SoCal Edison, Golden Cheese and the qualifying facility owned by El Paso (QF) are currently connected electrically and (2) information regarding the operating responsibilities between SoCal Edison and the QF as well as Golden Cheese and the QF.

### The Commission orders:

The Commission's Staff is hereby direct to convene a technical conference within 45 days of the date of this order, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Linda Mitry,  
Acting Secretary.